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March 30, 2004

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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From: David E. Janssen
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STATUS OF AUGUST 5, 2003 BOARD MOTION ON BROWNSFIELD POLICY

On August 5, 2003, your Board instructed several departments to develop a County brownfields policy, risk-based screening and assessment process, and to incorporate into the policy provisions contained in SB32 and SB493 regarding liability reform issues.

We are currently compiling data on the environmental screening levels and remediation goals that have been adopted by other municipalities or are used as guidelines by State and/or federal regulatory agencies for over 60 chemicals, compounds, and contaminants to soil, groundwater, surface water, and indoor air. County staff and consultants will review this data to determine the most appropriate and practical screening and remediation levels for each chemical given different potential site uses. Finally, we will develop recommendations regarding testing protocols and responsibilities for implementation of this process.

Given the complexity of this task, it is now anticipated that the determination of the most appropriate screening and remediation levels, which will serve as the basis for the policy requested by your Board, will require a minimum of four to six months to complete. The development of the testing protocols and responsibilities will require an additional four months to finalize. As a result, we have targeted the delivery of final recommendations to your Board in early 2005.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Jan Takata at (213) 974-1360.

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